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672 Wrappers for this great sale. Lot No. 1—Ladies' dressmaker made Wrappers, made from the very best percale, all dark styles, handsomely trimmed and perfect fitting, \$1.48. Lot No. 2—Ladies' Light Percale Wrappers, all dainty patterns, handsomely trimmed with Hamburg and double ruffle of the goods. A dainty house dress at \$1.29. Lot No. 3 is our great leader. Eight different styles in about twenty-five different colorings. Couldn't be better made by yourself for the money. All have extra vests of the same material, have bound seams, perfect fitting, come in both light and dark styles, 98c. Many stores would charge you \$1.50 for no better. Lot No. 4—Mostly all dark styles, made from percale and indigo blue prints and foulard cloth. Not one worth less than \$1. For this great sale 79c.

Separate Skirts.

48 Black Figured Skirts, cut 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ yards wide, cambric lined, bound with velvet. As long as they last 98c. 72 Black Figured Brilliantine Skirts, cambric lined, velvet bound, all handsome patterns. As long as they last \$1.48. 24 Black Figured Brilliantine Skirts, rustle-lined velvet-faced, bound seam, \$1.98. 24 black silk finished plain Brilliantine Skirts, fancy black lining, satin waist band, couldn't be better made, \$3.68. Our tailor made Skirts, in all wool Serge, trimmed with three and five rows of Herentes braid. Our silk finished figured Brilliantine Skirts are worth \$5 in any store. For this sale \$3.98.

An Umbrella Bargain.

125 twilled carola silk umbrellas made with steel rods, Congo handles, Sterling silver trimmed, worth \$1.50; for this sale 98c. 75 pure silk Tafta Umbrellas, steel rods, with silk case and tassels, Congo handles, worth \$2; for this sale \$1.48. The above are all black, 26 inches, good for rain or sun. Any lady who needs a fine umbrella can save just 50c by buying it at this sale.

Ladies' Ribbed Vests.

1,540 Ladies' Summer Ribbed Vests in this lot. 60 doz. ladies' white 15c ribbed vests, short sleeves, full sizes; as long as they last 10c. 60 doz. ladies' white 10c sleeveless vests, good sizes; as long as they last 5c. 25 doz. ladies' ribbed, extra size vest, sizes 7, 8, 9, sleeveless; as long as they last 15c, two for 25c.

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Our underskirts are all made by a corset factory, corded with the corset bone, guaranteed to last as long as the skirt does or we refund the money. Black sateen skirts cut extra full, trimmed with fine ruffles, guaranteed fast black 98c, \$1.25, \$1.48, \$1.79. Fancy Perce Silk skirts, looks like silk and wears much better, \$1.98, \$2.25, \$2.68. Black Morene Skirts \$1.98, \$2.98. Crash Underskirts for summer 98c, \$1.25, \$1.48.

Domestics.

Best Indigo Blue Prints 4c. a yard; 8c all linen brown crash 6c yard; cotton crash 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 4c yard; 5-4 bleached pillow cases 75c; 5-4 best pillow cases 12c; 6-4 best bleached pillow cases 14c; best bleached sheets made, 40, 44, 48c; good bleached muslin 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ yard; best bleached muslin made 6c yard.

Dotted Swiss.

10 pieces fine dotted stripe and figured curtain Swiss, 36 inches wide, as long as it lasts, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ yard. An odd lot of dotted Swiss, slightly soiled, sold from 25 to 40c yard, to close out quick 15c yard.

A Handkerchief Bargain.

1,200 white, real hem-stitched handkerchiefs, every lady ought to buy a dozen at the price as long as they last 8c each.

HART DAVIS, No. 45 North Street.

WHAT IS IT TO BE?

The Great Question, Peace
or War, Is Still
Unsettled.

MESSAGE HELD BACK.

Probably Will Not Be Sent to Congress Before Monday.

GENERAL LEE ASKS FOR DELAY.

Fears a Demonstration in Havana—Americans Rapidly Leaving Cuba—Government Will Take No Risks—Volunteers Are Rioting.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Sudden as a cannon's flash was the change in the Cuban situation yesterday afternoon. The galleries of congress were crowded, senators and representatives were anxious and agitated, even the diplomatic corps was in a ferment awaiting a message from the president of the United States to the congress of the American people that might mean war, when, with excitement at the very highest, like an electric flash, the word passed that there would be no message. Its suddenness stunned the public, which heard the news in distorted forms, and amazed veteran members of congress. Ultimately it became known that not only would there be no message yesterday, but no message this week, and that it was at least a possibility the message written and approved might never go to congress at all.

The first reason for delay was that the administration had received advices from General Lee at Havana, indicating that all Americans could not be gotten off the island at once and would be in grave peril if the message preceded their departure.

The second reason, and perhaps equally potent with the other, slowly drifted into public comprehension late in the day, for extreme reticence was maintained on the subject by the few in Washington who knew the facts, and even cabinet officers were unadvised on the subject. This important news was that the Spanish government, after what plainly had been most exciting times in inner Spanish circles at Madrid, had decided to reopen the case closed, so far as this government was concerned, by the refusal of Spain to make satisfactory response to the representations made by the United States last week, and in order to avert impending war had decided to make concessions heretofore refused.

What will be the final outcome it is too early to say, but the aspect of affairs certainly is considerably more pacific and sufficient to renew the hope of the president in a solution of the Cuban question satisfactory to the American people and achieved without bloodshed. The details remain to be worked out, but it is expected that between now and Monday a clearer light will be thrown on the future by action at Madrid, of which one important feature at least is the declaration of an armistice by the queen regent of Spain.

This armistice, it is expected, will lead to ultimate independence of Cuba from Spanish rule, but by what intermediate steps perhaps even the governing powers do not at this time know. Much, it is supposed, will depend upon the Cuban insurgents and the people of the United States and Spain.

The improved condition of affairs was reflected throughout all public quarters late in the day. It was manifested at the White House, among cabinet officers and at the embassies and legations, including the Spanish legation. At the latter establishment Senor Polo said that while he could not disclose any of the information reaching him in an official character, yet he felt that the strain of a few hours ago was materially relieved and that the prospects for peace looked much brighter. He in no way confirmed nor would he even discuss views entertained in other high official quarters that Spain was slowly but surely yielding and confined his utterances to the general statement that conditions were improving.

Accompanying the actual development of the day came a flood of reports and rumors of a sensational character, little of it, however, having any authentic basis. The rumors of disturbance at Havana were not borne out by any official advices here.

The uncertainty following a great disappointment was the condition existing at the capitol at the close of the day, when the expected did not happen. Senators and members were at sea as to what was coming next.

While the message was awaited there came a hurried summons of leaders of the senate and house to the White House, and they were there informed that the message was to be withheld upon information received from Consul General Lee. The reasons he gave were deemed entirely satisfactory by all, and Senator Davis informed the senate, while the house leaders carried the news to that body.

That the danger to American life was considered sufficient reason for nonaction appeared in the postponement of all proposed meetings to consider the situation.

The proposed armistice by Spain injected another feature into the discussion of the situation, and while some were very hopeful that a satisfactory solution of the problem might eventuate from it the general feeling was that the conditions in Cuba, the determination of the insurgents to continue fighting until independence is achieved and the sentiment of this

country in favor of Cuba's independence of Spain possibly made overtures on this line too late.

A generally quiet feeling was evident at the war and navy departments, where, in contrast to the feverish excitement of the past week, the tone was almost apathetic. While there was the usual amount of routine attendant upon the recent work of preparation things settled down almost to the normal. No more contracts for new vessels were closed by the navy department and no changes in the stations of ships announced. Yesterday was also noticeable for the absence of the conferences of high officials, and the great tide of visitors, congressmen, public men and contractors almost disappeared.

Assistant Secretary Melville John of the war department made public a statement showing that up to this time there had been allotted to the department \$9,279,167 from the emergency fund of \$50,000,000 appropriated by congress. The different bureaus receiving this money are: Ordnance, \$4,233,767; engineers, \$4,425,000; quartermasters, \$500,000; signal office, \$120,400. Of the entire amount allotted \$927,805 has been expended, but as much of the work begun and the munitions of war bought is by the contract system, the government is liable for considerable of the remainder.

CONGRESS DISAPPOINTED.

The Postponement of the President's Message on the Cuban Question.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—After waiting patiently in the galleries and corridors of the house for hours yesterday, many of them from 8 o'clock until shortly before 3 o'clock, the thousands who had come to hear the president's Cuban message turned away weary and disgusted at the delay. Never was there such disappointment at the capitol. The members felt it even more keenly than the spectators, and for two hours afterward they stood about the lobbies discussing the latest phase of the situation.

The news of the proposed armistice which came on the heels of the announcement that General Lee had called for delay received quite as much attention as the request of Lee.

The debate in progress in the house over the army reorganization bill attracted little or no attention. It was completely overshadowed by the more absorbing question. Considerable opposition to the bill developed on the ground that its provision for an extension of the regular army in time of war to 104,000 men would be inimical to the national guard and the volunteer forces, upon which the country had heretofore relied in time of stress. There will be a strong effort to recommit the bill to

Senate Holds a Quiet Session.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—When the senate convened yesterday, intense expectancy amounting to excitement prevailed both on the floor and in the galleries. The president's message had been positively promised, and its coming was awaited with genuine anxiety.

Ten minutes after the senate convened consideration of the sundry civil bill was resumed and with the exception of eight minutes consumed by executive session, in which Senator Davis announced that no message would be sent in, almost the entire session was consumed by the appropriation bill. It was practically completed when laid aside for the day.

VIEWS OF SENATORS.

Tension Somewhat Relieved by the Delay In Giving Out the Message.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The delay in the settlement of the Cuban question involved in the announcement that the president's message would probably not be sent to congress before next Monday was received in the senate with varying degrees of favor and disfavor, depending largely upon the predilections and personal and political associations of senators. All united in the necessity for securing the safety of General Lee and the other American citizens in Cuba. Many, however, were inclined to criticize because our citizens had not been removed before, while others declared protection for them should have been sent to Havana.

"It is a humiliating spectacle," said Senator Quay of Pennsylvania, "that with our fleet within 90 miles of Havana we are unable to protect our people in that port."

"The request," said Senator Proctor, "merely illustrates the character of the people we are dealing with in this matter."

The intense Cuban sympathizers on both sides of the senate chamber were free in the opinion that there was some motive in the delay that did not appear on the surface. They did not question the good faith of the representation as to the danger to Americans in Cuba, but they argued that there must have been other causes for the administration's course. When the Madrid bulletin stating the probability of an armistice in Cuba was made known, they found in it verification of their surmises. At one time during the afternoon the indication was strong that dissatisfaction would find voice in the open session of the senate, but those who felt disposed to discuss the question were restrained largely from a feeling of delicacy because not fully certain of their ground.

The conservative element did not find encouragement in the situation. They were not displeased over the prospect of delay, but they expressed regret at the occasion for it. "The publication of the fact of danger to Americans in Cuba," said one of them, "will set the country afame, and the war spirit will be more rampant than ever." Senator Elkins was among the conservatives who expressed apprehension as to the effect of the reports from General Lee, but he found great encouragement in the outlook for a peaceful settlement of the difficulty. Other conservative senators were inclined to minimize the armistice report.

The personal followers of the president declined to see any other reason for his action than that of conserving the safety of Americans in Cuba and said that for him to have taken any other course would under the circumstances have been inconsiderate and inhuman, and, therefore, not like the president.

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THE FLYING SQUADRON.

Brooklyn Tried Her Guns—No Orders Received From Washington.

FORT MONROE, Va., April 7.—The Brooklyn, flagship of the flying squadron, tried her 8-inch guns yesterday in order to test the new elevating apparatus designed to give them greater range. The test was not made solely to demonstrate the utility of the apparatus, but also to see if the turrets, after being so materially changed, would stand the shock to which they were subjected. The test, which was under the direction of Commodore Schley and Captain Cook, was of a most satisfactory nature and Commodore Schley said that the Brooklyn was in the best of fighting trim.

At 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon the order "Clear ship for action" was given, and in 35 minutes every railing, every rope, capstan, anchor, small boats and loose hamper of every kind had been removed, and the big cruiser stood out grim and defiant in the sunlight. The guns used were the forward 8-inch pair, and the firing was under the direction of Lieutenant Commander Marion, with Lieutenant Rush in command of the turret. Commodore Schley and Captain Cook stood on the quarter deck to notice the vibration of the turret, which afterward was declared to be at a minimum.

The first shot was sent out with a service charge of 85 pounds of powder, the gun being elevated at 5 degrees. The 200 pound shell left the muzzle of the gun at a velocity of 2,000 feet a second. It struck the water 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the ship, sending up a vast column of water.

The second shot was with the full powder charge, 110 pounds, and sent the projectile nearly four miles, putting it in the water at a speed of 1,000 feet per second. There was no perceptible jarring from the shot.

Commodore Schley said last night that he had not yet received any orders from Washington. The New Orleans and the San Francisco had not been assigned him, and the dynamite cruiser Vesuvius was not ordered to his squadron.

THE CUBAN REPUBLIC.

The Junta Insists That the Insurgent Government Must Be Recognized.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Intervention in Cuba without the recognition of the so-called republic promises to be the bone of contention in congress, if there is a prolonged debate over the Cuban resolution.

Representatives of the Cuban junta insist that intervention, to be acceptable to the insurgents, must be preceded by the recognition of their government. They declare that the insurgents will not co-operate in any way with the United States forces if they are not recognized, but will consider the forces of this country as invaders. Senator Quesada said that they would not undertake to fight the United States, but the forces of this country would hardly be regarded as friends.

Members of the junta are possessed of the idea that some diplomatic scheme is afoot looking to a settlement of the differences between the United States and Spain and incidentally to force autonomy upon the Cubans.

General Tomas Estrada Palma, president of the junta, could not be seen last night, but Senator Quesada furnished this signed statement:

"General Palma authorizes me to make the following statement:

"Our position at this time should not be misunderstood. We cannot accept anything which means the perpetuity of Spanish sovereignty on the island. We will oppose any intervention which does not have for its expressed and declared object the independence of Cuba. We have our government, and the American people want it recognized."

Senor Quesada vigorously denied that the desire to give integrity to large issues of Cuban bonds was a principal reason for the determined fight for recognition in advance of intervention. He said that not more than \$1,000,000 of these bonds had been sold, and that they were issued legitimately by a state government.

AUSTRIA PROPOSES A PLAN.

Egyptian Autonomy For Spain, With the United States In Control of Finances.

LONDON, April 7.—According to the Vienna correspondent of The Times, Austria has proposed a plan of settlement of the Spanish-American trouble, by which Cuba would be placed in the same position with regard to Spain as Egypt is with regard to Turkey.

The island would have autonomy similar to that enjoyed by Egypt and would pay an annual tribute to Spain. The control of the Cuban finances would be intrusted to the United States, which country would have a standing similar to that of Great Britain in Egypt. The United States might guarantee a Spanish loan, the interest, say 3 per cent, being covered by the tribute proceeds.

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Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, "Oh, it will wear away" but in most cases it will wear them away. Could they be induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balsam, which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the excellent effect after taking the first dose. Price 25c. and 50c. Trial size free. At all drug-gists.

A torpid liver robs you of ambition and ruins your health. DeWitt's Little Early Risers cleanse the liver, cure constipation and all stomach and liver troubles. W. D. Olney.

Inflammatory Rheumatism Cured In Three Days.

Morton L. Hill, of Lebanon, Ind., says, "My wife had inflammatory rheumatism in every muscle and joint, her suffering was terrible and her body and face were swollen beyond recognition; had been in bed for six weeks and had eight physicians but received no benefit until she tried the Mystic Cure for Rheumatism. It gave immediate relief and she was able to walk about in three days. I am sure it saved her life." Sold by J. F. Mills, No. 2 Empire Block, Druggist, Middletown.

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ELY BROS., 56 Warren St., N. Y. City. I was afflicted with catarrh last autumn. During the month of October I could neither taste nor smell and could hear but little. Ely's Cream Balm cured it—Marcus Geo. Shantz, Railways, N. J.

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given it.

H. S. SCOVEL ON TRIAL

Ex-Assemblyman to Answer the Charge of Embracery.

OUTCOME OF THE SHAW MISTRIAL.

First Case of the Kind Ever Tried in New Jersey—Sensational Testimony of Jailer Entricks—Asked Him to Fix a Juror.

CAMDEN, N. J., April 7.—Ex-Assemblyman Harry S. Scovel was placed on trial yesterday to answer a charge of embracery in connection with the Eli Shaw murder trial. Attorney General Grey is prosecuting the case, while Scovel is represented by five lawyers, including ex-Judge Putnam F. Hoffman of Jersey City. Great interest is taken by lawyers in the proceedings, as it is the first embracery case ever tried in the state.

Jailer Edward Entricks gave sensational testimony. He said that Scovel met him in the county jail and asked about Juror Jacob Schiller. He said Scovel told him to tell Schiller that there was \$100 in it for him if he proved all right on the Shaw trial. Witness declared that after the mistrial of the Shaw case Scovel came to him and said: "You are not going to say anything about that \$100, are you? If you do I will be disbarred and you will lose your job."

Jailer Entricks said Scovel promised to take care of him if witness stood by him, and said that he would pay him \$10 a month until he secured other employment in case he lost his job. On cross examination witness said he told Eli Shaw that the only juror on the panel he was acquainted with was Schiller.

The Bram Murder Trial.
BOSTON, April 7.—The only incident in the Bram murder case yesterday was the announcement in court that the jury would defer a visit to the Herbert Fuller for a day or two. This is done at the request of Mr. Cotter for the defense, as several of the witnesses are anxious to get away. The testimony given today was chiefly in regard to the recent experiments on the Fuller as to whether the man at the wheel could distinctly see into the chartroom through the after window. Many witnesses said this was not impossible.

Famous Horsemanship Sold For a Song.

PHILADELPHIA, April 7.—The great stallion Director and Red Wilkes were sold at auction yesterday on the Clevendale stock farm of the late Andrew M. Moore at Colmar, Pa., near this city. Director, for whom Mr. Moore is said to have paid \$75,000, brought only \$1,275 and was purchased by Robert McAfee of Alleghany, representing the Locomotive Stock farm of Newcastle, Pa. Red Wilkes was bought by William C. Hendrickson, proprietor of the Belle Mead stock farm of Belle Mead, N. J., for the small sum of \$600.

Postmasters Appointed.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The following four class postmasters have been appointed: Maryland—Croom Station, J. W. Duley; Leeland, Henry L. Morris; Leon, George W. Carr; New Jersey—Linwood, Walter Sanders; Chapinville, Wilson B. Nicholson; Cropseyville, Richard Hulbert; Eagle Mills, Andrew Mullin; Pennsylvania—Hopwood, Marshall Subbaugh; Rhone, Ignatz Weisberger; West Nanticoke, Anna Pringle.

Big Catch of Seals.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., April 7.—The steamer Neptune, Captain Blandford, commodore of the sealing fleet, arrived here yesterday with 25,000 seals. The steamer Aurora, Captain Kean, brought 25,000. She had 25 men frostbitten on the night of the Greenland disaster. These steamers report that the Walrus has taken 14,000 seals, the Diana 18,000, the Hope 14,000, the Nimrod 12,000 and the Vanguard 6,000. Other ships have smaller fares.

Mining Company Incorporated.

ALBANY, April 7.—The Boston and Montana Consolidated Copper and Silver Mining Company of New York Canada and Boston has been incorporated with a capital of \$3,750,000 to carry on a general mining business. The directors: C. W. Welch, W. C. Taylor, W. P. Marchbank and John J. Roach of Brooklyn, E. J. Dwyer of Manhattan, James Barker, Jr., of Jersey City, and Edgar Buffman of Newark, N. J.

German Ships for American Line.

HAMBURG, April 7.—It is reported that the Hamburg-American Line steamers Normannia and Columbia will shortly proceed to Southampton with the view of being hired by the American line steamers St. Paul and St. Louis being taken by the United States government as auxiliary cruisers.

Mailship Ashore.

LONDON, April 7.—The West African mail steamship Dahomey, which arrived at Liverpool from the west coast of Africa March 22 and was outward bound, is ashore near Holyhead. The passengers and crew have been landed by rocket line and lifeboat.

Close of the Miners' Convention.

ALTOONA, Pa., April 7.—The convention of the miners of district No. 2 came to an end yesterday without having accomplished its purpose—the enforcement of the Chicago agreement. No operators accepted the invitation to attend.

Coach Lehmann Arrives.

BOSTON, April 7.—R. C. Lehmann, coach of the Harvard crews, accompanied by a college chum and an expert oarsman, Harry Willis, who is to assist in the work at Cambridge, arrived here yesterday.

More Gold Imports.

NEW YORK, April 7.—Additional gold had been engrossed for import by Lazard Frères to the amount of \$375,000 and by the Bank of British America to the amount of \$50,000.

Wrecks Reported.

LONDON, April 7.—Incoming vessels report having passed portions of wrecks on March 16 latitude 24, longitude 55 and on March 27 in latitude 45, longitude 47.

IN THE EAST.

Public Opinion in Japan Excited—Agreement Between England and Japan.

LONDON, April 7.—The Yokohama correspondent of The Times says: "For the first time public opinion in Japan is vehemently excited. There is no general opposition to a British occupation of Wei-hai-wei, but there is a feeling that Japan must assert herself and secure some other foothold on the Asiatic continent."

"The government is hampered by financial considerations, but will probably be obliged to yield to public pressure. Sober people and the officials generally favor a British occupation of Wei-hai-wei and an Anglo-Japanese entente, pourparlers for which are progressing favorably."

"We learn from an authoritative source that England and Japan are in complete accord regarding Wei-hai-wei, but secrecy is entailed until a complete settlement has been achieved which, it is believed, will include an arrangement whereby England will advance the money to enable China to pay the indemnity in full and thus to obtain a Japanese evacuation of Wei-hai-wei."

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

The Chicago carpenters' strike ended in a victory for the strikers.

Lake Champlain is to be stocked with 100,000 steel head trout spawn.

The house where Fighting Joe Hooker was born in 1815, at Hadley, Mass., has been burned.

Hamilton H. Payton of Duluth has been elected captain of the Harvard freshmen crew.

The Mildred Brewster murder trial has been formally begun by the completion of a jury, after three days' examination of talesmen.

The Harvard Yacht club has decided to send a challenge to the Yale Yacht club for a regatta to be held at New London shortly after the triangular boat race.

Albert P. Blood, a prominent citizen of Ballston Spa, N. Y., and well known in Knights Templar circles throughout the state, is dead. He was 76 years old. Isaiah Blood, late state senator, was his brother.

Rhode Island Election.

PROVIDENCE, April 7.—The state election yesterday resulted in an overwhelming Republican victory. Neither party conducted a live campaign, the success of Governor Dyer and his associates being a foregone conclusion. The weather was fine and the vote fairly large for an off year. Seven cities and towns voted on the license question, including Providence, where license was successful by a considerable margin. The Socialist Labor vote shows a large increase, while the Prohibitionists beat the Democrats in several towns, as usual.

Big Steamship Syndicate.

HAMBURG, April 7.—The Hamburg-Boersensalle says it learns that the Hamburg-American steamship line, the North German Lloyd Steamship company, the firm of Robert M. Sloman of Hamburg and the Indra line of Liverpool have formed a syndicate for a fortnightly service from New York to eastern Asia. The first steamer, the Indrapura, leaves New York on April 30.

Milne Gets Off Easy.

BROOKLYN, April 7.—Frederick Milne, former inspector in the department of city works, was sentenced by Judge Hulbert in the county court yesterday to six months' imprisonment in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$500 on an indictment charging him with conniving at the auditing of a fraudulent claim against the city with intent to defraud, and to which he pleaded guilty.

Earthquake's Effect at Mare Island.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—A telegram received at the navy department from the commanding officer at the Mare Island navy yard says the amount of damage suffered from the earthquake shock last week is \$342,000. Secretary Long will ask congress for a special appropriation to make the necessary repairs to the buildings and other property damaged.

Suicide in Delaware.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—John J. Boyle, a prominent merchant of New Castle, Del., aged 55 years, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself. Mr. Boyle was prominent in Democratic politics and held the position of state sealer of weights and measures. Ill health was the cause.

Indiana Miners on Strike.

BRAZIL, Ind., April 7.—All the machine miners and helpers in the No. 1 and No. 8 mines of the Brazil Block Coal company, consisting of about 500 men, went on a strike yesterday. The miners demand 38 cents per ton for machine mining and the operators are only willing to pay 29 cents. The matter is now in the hands of the miners' executive committee of this district, but there is little likelihood of an early adjustment.

New Bedford Mills Will Open Monday.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., April 7.—A meeting of the mill treasurers was held yesterday afternoon and it was decided to open the cloth mill gates on Monday morning. It is the general impression that a majority of the strikers will accept the chance to go to work, in spite of the action which the weavers took in their meeting on Tuesday night in voting to continue the strike for six weeks more.

Death of Vice President Welch.

NEW YORK, April 7.—Archibald H. Welch, second vice president of the New York Life Insurance company, died at Morristown, N. J., yesterday. He was born in Wethersfield, Conn., in 1859. In 1883 he became president of the Manhattan Trust company and shortly after that was elected second vice president of the New York Life insurance company. He leaves no family.

Convention of Bimetallic Clubs.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 7.—The convention of the League of Bimetallic Clubs of the Ohio Valley met in Tomlinson Hall yesterday. Each of the 800 clubs of the organization was expected to send a delegate but as several prominent congressmen could not be present the number of delegates dropped below normal. W. J. Ryman was one of the prominent speakers.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

THE FLAG IS UP.
School District, No. 8, of the Town of Crawford, Fifteen Miles from the New Flag Staff Erected in Place of the One Taken Down by "Anarchists."

The American flag once more floats above the school house in District No. 5, of the town of Crawford, and the district's long fight to avoid compliance with the State law requiring that the flag be displayed while school is in session is probably at an end for all time. A flag staff has been raised in place of the one cut down and broken up one night, last fall, and the sentiment of the district is now in favor of keeping the flag flying.

The flag controversy in the district was begun more in jest than in earnest, but as time went on and the trustee succeeded in standing off the School Commissioner and the State Department of Public Instruction as well, the anti-flag policy became almost a matter of principle with many residents of the district, and they lined up behind the trustee and encouraged him to "see the thing through." It was, of course, only a question of time, for the penalty of a loss of public school money would have been enforced in the end, but month after month went by before a flag was raised.

Then after the law was complied with the flag staff was cut down, and there not being energy enough in the district to dig a hole in the frozen ground in which to set a new flag staff, the matter was allowed to rest until this spring.

It is probable that the wave of patriotic feeling which swept over the country as a result of the trouble with Spain had something to do with the district's change of front, for, despite the position they took against being forced by law to raise a flag, the residents of the district are all good Americans, as full of real patriotism as any of their neighbors and just as loyal to flag and country.

HE GOT HIS LETTER.

Telegraphed a Cent for Underpaid Postage at a Cost of Ninety-Five Cents.

A Newburgh man mailed a letter last week to W. M. Meeker, of Paterson, N. J., and by mistake put on a one-cent stamp.

Saturday morning Mr. Meeker received a postal card from Postmaster McRostery, of Newburgh, saying that the letter had been held for postage. Mr. Meeker knew that the letter was important, and wishing to hurry it telegraphed the one cent to the postmaster. It cost him ninety-five cents to do so.

On receipt of the telegraph order the letter was forwarded, but when the order was presented the telegraph office required the postmaster to get a friend to identify him. This was done and a check for one cent was drawn on the Newburgh National Bank. It will not be cashed, however, but will be framed as an example of red tape.

EASTER EXCURSION ON THE ERIE TO NEW YORK.

The Erie announces an excursion to New York city, on Easter Sunday, April 10th, at the rate of one dollar for the round trip. Tickets are good going on any train in the morning, and to return special train leaving Jersey City at 8:40 p. m. the same day. Trains on which the tickets are good going will leave James street at 4:49, 6:01 and 8:23 a. m. Main street, 8:25 a. m.

WARWICK.

The Athletic Association's Ladies' Night Entertainment.

Correspondence ARGUS AND MERCURY.

The ladies' night entertainment given by the Warwick Athletic Association, Tuesday evening, in Demarest Hall, drew a large and appreciative audience in spite of the inclement weather. The programme was unusually attractive, and two New York musicians, the well known saxophonist and harpist, Miss and Mr. Mclellan.

The readings by Miss Harriet C. Palmer, teacher of elocution and music in Warwick Institute, were unusually fine. This young lady has remarkable talent and her work is characterized by a pleasing polish and refinement of manner.

Harry P. Smith, cornet soloist, who was also on the bill, was received with much favor. Mr. Smith is perhaps the best cornet player in Orange county. His rendition of "Emmett's Lullaby" brought out all the enthusiastic applause that Warwick people always show in good music.

The committee netted a handsome profit from the entertainment. Following is the programme in detail:

True Tah Death Miss and Mr. Mclellan
My Father's Baled Linen Koach
Miss Alice Demarest, Gendrely, Irvin Edsall Reading
Miss Harriet C. Palmer Solo for Saxophone - "Air Varié" Miss Bessie Mclellan
Cornet Solo - Emmett's Lullaby Harry P. Smith

Reading - Miss Harriet C. Palmer
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ON THE TIP OF THE TONGUE.

The interest which the people of this city and surrounding country take in the war question is evidenced by the throngs about the bulletins each afternoon. Each new bulletin sends a crowd of clerks from the stores who read and re-read it and then hasten back to tell others the "latest." One reader of the Argus states that he saw an out-of-towner studying over the removal bulletin in the store vacated by Tompkins, thinking it contained war news.

The Associated Press knows a thing or two. It has notified its correspondents that in case of war there are likely to be a great many patriotic meetings. The correspondents are urgently requested not to burden the wires with queries about such meetings unless of national importance and the manager adds:

"There will be innumerable attempts on the part of people desiring to see their names in print to parade their loyalty, and this sort of thing should not be encouraged."

All records were broken in this city, Tuesday, in the line of what women can do. We have seen the "cigarette lady" driving about in a barouche, and the girl who serves rice or chocolate, but the whiskey drummer girl beats them all. She was as modest as the waving rye field and as pretty as her picture. She looked as one who knew whiskey only as she had heard of it, and she shyly dropped her eyes as her companion talked of the goods, and marked his competition by presenting her sonnenflock folded in an "ad" of the whiskey. It was odd business, but perhaps it is successful.

James G. Benedict, who for the past two years has been night baggage-master of the West Shore Railroad at Newburgh, has resigned his position and will engage in the marble and granite business with his father, William F. Benedict, of this village, who has built a fine business.

W. W. Demarest, assisted by his brother, J. C., of Hurleyville, has leased the Healy store and will conduct a fish, fruit and vegetable market.

Patrick Doherty, after spending the winter with his friends here, has, as usual, returned to his clerkship with Henry McNamee, at Fly Mountain, N. Y.

Married, at the home of Levi Ferriner, in this village, April 2d, by Rev. S. T. Clifton, Mark E. Haines, of Poyntelle, Pa., and Miss Rebecca Conkling, of Westbrookville, N. Y.

The Willing Workers of the Reformed Church will hold an Easter social at Clarendon Inn, Tuesday evening, April 12. Admission, including refreshments, 25 cents.

George Stallberg and family, of New York city, who occupied Mrs. Baker's cottage, last season, are at the Dorrance. They intend to spend another sea on among us.

The water works employs about twenty men and about 200 feet of the Sullivan street main is laid daily. Double nozzled fire plugs are placed about 500 feet apart, the connections conforming to and interchanging with those of Middletown, N. Y.

John V. Doss has rented of M. E. Stanton his large store room and is fitting it up for a first-class confectionery, ice cream and soda fountain parlor. Brick ice cream will also be made.

Patrick Malone is with Matzinger's mason gang on the O. and W. Eddie Doherty will join it on May 1st.

Miss Lulu Cudney, of New Paltz, N. Y., is home to spend Easter.

Mrs. Geo. Rorimer attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Alice Jordan, at Athens, Pa., on Sunday.

Potatoes, \$1.25 bu.; butter, 24c; eggs, 12c.

John Maley painted his house.

Seymour Teets bought two small pigs, April 1st, and the following night they disappeared and haven't been seen since.

Boating began on Monday.

Ordinary household accidents have no terrors when there's a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the medicine chest. Helps burns, cuts, bruises, sprains, instant relief.

The choice language in which the article referring to the Freeman, in the Leader's local columns, this morning, is couched, clearly indicates the writer. Only a man whose early days were spent in laundring barroom cupidores and listening eagerly to jokes and stories, which are told not to wives and bishops, could use such sinewy and vigorous English. His reference to "hired assassins of character and tenders of a journalistic swill barrel" is of itself a sufficient betrayal of his identity.

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CITY EDITORS.WEATHER INDICATIONS.
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—Fair to-night and Friday; northwesterly winds.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The following was the registry of the thermometer at Frank's drugstore to-day: 7 a. m., 33°; 12 m., 48°; 3 p. m., 48°.

President Cleveland once lamented the fact that he "had Congress on his hands." President McKinley now realizes the full force of his predecessor's lamentation.

The United States cannot tolerate European interference in American affairs, but if the Pope and European powers can bring enough pressure to bear to induce Spain to yield to our demands, we certainly have no objections. In fact that is a kind of European interference on which we can look with the greatest complacency.

The constitutionality of the \$1,000,000 appropriation for war purposes, which was jammed through the legislature in an hour and forty minutes on the last day of the session, is now questioned. The constitution provides that "every law which imposes, continues or revives a tax shall distinctly state the tax," but this law leaves it discretionary with the Governor as to the amount of tax, and it is therefore claimed that it is ineffective and void. It looks now as if none of the appropriation would be needed, but all the same this lapse of legislature and executive ought to stand as a warning against hasty law-making.

No one in Washington believes that the President's promised message was delayed for the reason assigned.—Gen. Lee's reported inability to get Americans out of Cuba and fears of mob violence if the message was warlike in tone. Senators and representatives could not, however, go behind Gen. Lee's statement that hasty action will imperil the lives of Americans and so a few days more were secured in which to negotiate for a peaceful settlement of the Spanish question. President McKinley is certainly proving himself a master of expedient and resource, but the end justifies the means, and if he can accomplish through the arts of peace all that Congress hopes to attain through the horrors of war, he is rendering the country most invaluable service and all good citizens will wish him goodspeed if he keeps on foisting Congress for a month.

The Cuban Junta has made haste to repudiate the "official statement" made, Wednesday, by its counsel, H. S. Rubens, that if the United States intervened in Cuba without recognizing the insurgent government the insurgents would regard the United States troops as enemies and turn their guns on them. Mr. Rubens' declaration has, however, set many people thinking of the practical difficulties involved in Cuban intervention and of the problems that will have to be faced if the Spaniards are forced to leave the island. The insurgents have no organized government, but the men who have fought Cuba's battles in the field will naturally expect their share of the honors and rewards of Cuban independence. On the other hand, the residents in Havana and in the provinces not in the hands of the insurgents and whose sympathies are with Spain, will have to be considered, and since we cannot deny a republican form of government to the island it is quite likely that we will have to sustain whatever government is set up by the help of United States soldiers.

LOST HIS POCKET BOOK.

A hole in his pocket may cost him Rittenbury \$14.75.

General Secretary Rittenbury of the Y. M. C. A. had the bad luck to lose his pocket book containing \$18.75 on North street, between Railroad and Wickham avenues, about 10:30 o'clock this morning. The purse slipped through a hole in his coat pocket and he did not discover his loss until he had gone to the Wickham avenue station and returned to the association rooms.

Of the money in the pocketbook only \$3.75 belonged to Mr. Rittenbury, the balance to the Y. M. C. A., \$11 having been for tickets sold for the John Thomas entertainment.

Mr. Rittenbury will pay a liberal reward for the return of the pocketbook.

Good Friday and Easter Services at First Congregational Church.

Friday evening, at 7:30, there will be services in the First Congregational Chapel with a brief sermon by the pastor. Theme, "This was the Son of God."

Special preparations have been made by the choir for the Easter music, of which the programme will be given in Saturday's papers. The pastor will preach an Easter sermon, Sunday morning, and a special Easter service will be held in the evening. At both Sunday services the organ accompaniment will be reinforced with violin and cornet.

SENATE TO ADJOURN TILL MONDAY
BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The Senate has decided not to meet till Monday after its adjournment, to-day.

HITCH IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

Midnight Meeting of Spanish Cabinet
Follows a Message from Rome—Cuban
Armistice Proclamation Will Not Be
Issued To-day.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

MADRID, April 7.—A hitch has occurred in the peace negotiations and the Cuban armistice proclamation will not be issued as expected. Great disappointment is experienced at the United States Legation at the hitch, now pronounced to be serious, which seems to have occurred, last night.

The Spanish Cabinet met at 5 o'clock and was in session for several hours, but the meeting ended without an announcement that the Cuban armistice proclamation would be issued. The Austrian Ambassador had another conference with Minister Woodford, late last night.

There appears to be much mystery connected with last night's events. It is seen that after the regular Cabinet meeting had adjourned and Premier Sagasta had returned home the Papal Nuncio, in company with the Minister of Foreign Affairs arrived with a communication from Rome. This was considered of such importance that other ministers were summoned and remained in consultation until 1:30.

It is said the result of their considerations was telegraphed to Rome, from where it was to be cabled to the United States. No explanation was furnished of this procedure, but the facts are furnished on official authority.

A semi-official note, issued after the adjournment of the Cabinet meeting, says: "The Cabinet considered every aspect of the situation on the information of the foreign and colonial ministers, especially in the light of the reports of the Ministers of War and Marine."

"The outcome of the deliberations was the adhesion of the government to all its previous decisions, without modification, and resolutions to that effect were adopted. During the sitting the foreign ministers made several visits to the palace."

NO MORE DIPLOMACY.
President's Message Will Go to Congress as Now Written—Spain Thought to Be Playing for Time—Naval Demonstration Planned Against Havana.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Nothing has yet occurred which will have any bearing upon the President's message as already prepared, nor will it be changed in any important particular save in the unlocked event of submission on the part of Spain to the demands of this government. This statement is made by high officers of the government who have full knowledge of the real situation.

The intimation given out at Madrid, yesterday, to the effect that the Queen Regent was about to proclaim an armistice in Cuba and that indications were that the Spanish government would make important concessions looking to the establishment of peace, is regarded in official circles here as diplomatic play to gain time.

So far as this government is concerned diplomacy has run its course. No negotiations of any character are now pending, nor will they be resumed except at the solicitation of Spain, and for the stated purpose of carrying into effect the claims of this government already communicated to Madrid.

The President remains firm in his determination to forcibly intervene in Cuba if necessary to put an end to hostilities and to secure tranquility and a more stable government on the island.

Information from a high source clearly indicates that a naval demonstration against Havana has been considered and is almost certain to be made within the next few days unless Spain yields and if this demonstration results in war, the President is ready to accept the issue.

A Cabinet officer to-day said: "Why are we hurrying Americans out of Cuba except that there lives will be in danger after the President's message goes in?"

A NOTE FROM THE POWERS.

Representatives of European Governments Call at the White House and Express a Hope for Peace—The President's Reply.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Representatives of the six powers of Europe that are seeking to avert war between Spain and the United States called on President McKinley at noon, to-day. The governments of Great Britain, France, Germany, Austria and Italy were represented.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, as representative of the powers, presented a note setting forth the hope that further negotiations will lead to an agreement which, while securing the maintenance of peace, will afford all necessary guarantees for the re-establishment of order in Cuba.

President McKinley replied that the government of the United States recognizes the good will which has prompted this friendly communication and shares the hope therein expressed that the outcome of the situation in Cuba may be the maintenance of peace between the United States and Spain by affording necessary guarantees for the re-establishment of order in the island.

The President further said: "The government of the United States appreciates the humanity and disinterested character of the communication made on behalf of the powers, and for its part is confident that equal appreciation will be shown for its own earnest and unselfish endeavor to fulfill its duty to humanity by ending a situation, the indefinite prolongation of which has become insufferable."

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BIRTHS.

CARTER.—In this city, April 6th, '98 to Mr. and Mrs. William Carter, a daughter.

BIRTHS.

SINASABAUGH.—In this city, April 6th, '98, Zephia J., wife of George H. Sinasabaugh, aged fifty-one years, four months, seven days.

Funeral services will be held at her late residence, No. 82 Linden avenue, Friday afternoon at three o'clock. Interment in family plot, Hillside Cemetery.

GREEN.—In this city, April 6th, '98, George W. Green, aged forty-nine years, five months, thirteen days.

Funeral services will be held from his late residence, No. 40 Beacon street, Saturday afternoon, at two-thirty o'clock. Interment in family plot, Pine Hill Cemetery.

MILLS.—In this city, April 6th, '98, Abner Mills, aged fifty-nine years, eight months.

Funeral services will be private, Friday afternoon, at his late residence, No. 33 Highland avenue, at two o'clock. Immediate friends and relatives are invited to attend. Interment in family plot, Southtown Cemetery.

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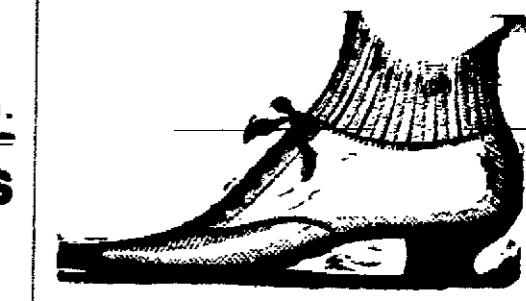
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LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—The water mains supplied from Highland Lake will be blown out to-night.

—Remember April 14th is the date of the H. A. G. T. Club's dance.

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—Paterson's death rate, last year, was only 16.53 per 1,000 of population, the lowest in the history of the city.

—There was nothing of importance done at the meeting of the Business Men's Association, Wednesday night.

—Sixteen new recruits joined one of Paterson's militia companies, Tuesday night. Only single men are now enlisted.

—Postmaster B. S. Dayton has presented W. D. Fuller Command, Union Veterans' Union, with a stand of colors.

—The Middletown Glass Company will hold its annual meeting, to-night, at 7:30, at C. R. Fuller's office on Depot street.

—Joe K. Marsh, who has been running a temperance hotel in Norwich, has given it up as a bad job and moved to Binghamton.

—The Gonzalez Opera Company, which recently visited this city, is playing in Binghamton, this week, at ten, twenty and thirty cents.

—A fifteen-year-old Newton boy, who ran away from home to fight Spain, was found in Hoboken by an officer and returned to his parents.

—James E. Baldwin shot two wild geese near Newton, a few days ago. Of late years these birds have been very scarce in Sussex county.

—The Utica fire alarm company is stringing wires in Norwich for the new fire alarm system, for which that village recently voted an appropriation.

—The O. and W. is buying at East Branch large quantities of white oak, rock oak and chestnut trees which are rafted down the river to that place.

—Auctioneer Van Schaick announces that he will sell, to-morrow, the household furniture, etc., at the residence of the late Major Berry, at 122 Wickham avenue.

—There were 156 cases on the calendar of the trial term of the Supreme Court held in Delaware county, this week. Of these about forty were ready for trial by court and jury.

—An entire new programme, with the exception of "The Common Council," which will be repeated by request, will be rendered at the Casino by the John Thomas Concert Co., Friday evening, April 15. Chart open for reserved seats at H. S. Dusenberry & Son's jewelry store, Wednesday, April 13.

PERSONAL.

—Mrs. Melinda Newton went to Cortland, to-day.

—W. H. Hyde shows a little improvement, to-day.

—Mrs. Phoebe Palen has returned from Elmira.

—Mrs. Guy, of New York city, and Miss Utter of Ithaca, are guests of Mrs. A. V. N. Powelson.

—F. F. A. Behme has moved his family to Newport News, Va., where he is engaged in business.

—Rob. Cochran went to New York, to-day, for a few days. He will sail for London, April 14.

—Mrs. Lynn Edsall and Mrs. E. O. Hardin, of Port Jervis visited friends in this city, Wednesday.

—Miss Nora Sprague, of Middletown, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Harvey White. —Walton Times.

—Mrs. Charles Horton, who has been spending the winter at St. Augustine, Fla., returned home, last evening.

—Mrs. Alice Ostrander, of Middletown, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Hutchinson, of Front street, this village, for several days, returned Wednesday. —Port Jervis Gazette.

—S. S. Yule, of Middletown, our former chief of police, was in town Tuesday calling upon his brother, Erie engineer William Yule, and other friends in this place. —Port Jervis Union.

—Mrs. C. B. Goodenough, of Binghamton, who is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. W. Corwin, of this city, will go to Middletown during the latter part of the week. —Newburgh Register.

A PLEASANT AFFAIR.

The Ladies' Supper at Christ Church Parsonage.

The supper given by the ladies of Christ Church, Wednesday evening, at the parsonage, was patronized in large numbers and was a success in all respects. The abundance, quality and variety of the food served by a numerous and efficient committee made the supper more than satisfactory. Mrs. George E. Moran and Miss Lena Lewis favored the guests with beautiful selections on the piano and Miss Jessie Jester, of New York, rendered several recitations, much to the delight of the company present. Although but nine years of age she exhibited a marked skill, grace and appreciation of her subjects far beyond her years. Miss Jessie is a daughter of "Professor" Jester, of this city, and is an interesting and winsome child.

THE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

Meeting of Directors in this City—Financial Matters Considered at the Morning and Afternoon Sessions.

The Orange County Agricultural Society's directors met in room 52, at the Russell House, this morning, the present being President Denniston, Secretary Morrison and Messrs. Wolfe, Hullock, Sears, Howell, Clark, Macardell, Mapes, Thompson and Swartz.

Mr. Denniston brought up the note matter. A note for \$5,000 held by the First National Bank, given Oct. 15, for three months, has been cut down \$500 from the barn insurance and renewed for \$4,500. It was stated that the State money had not yet been received, and on motion it was ordered paid on the note when received, as per agreement.

The Subscription Committee was not ready to report, but it was stated that all but \$500 had been collected, and all of this but the subscriptions of two men would be collected. These two had refused to pay.

The committee reported that \$77.50 in entrance fees to races had not been received, of which \$51 was due from a Middle-town man who was "as good as gold" and would pay when approached.

The trial of the suit of Philip A. Campbell against F. C. Balf and A. H. F. Seeger, executors of the late Dr. Gartman, of Newburgh, was begun. The suit is to recover on a note for \$4,000 given by Dr. Gartman for mining stock. The defense is that the note was given when the doctor was incompetent from the effects of drugs. Case still on.

It is reported that the Grand Jury will indict G. B. Taylor for the misappropriation of the funds of young Ryer, a Fonthill.

Residents of the vicinity say that she had her trunk taken to Mrs. Cheney's, several days ago, and has since been moving her effects there as opportunity offered. Before leaving town, she is said to have announced her intention of leaving her young child with her mother in New York city.

Mr. Jeffers is of the opinion that his wife has eloped with Morgan Everson and has announced his intention of shooting him on sight, but those familiar with the facts say that there is no foundation for the elopement theory, and that she had probably left her husband because she is tired of helping to support him.

Mrs. Jeffers came to Mount Hope, several years ago, with a New York woman who was ill. She became acquainted with Jeffers and though twenty-five years his junior married him.

The oil can, the loss of which Mr. Jeffers laments, was in Mr. Everson's possession, Tuesday, and is supposed to have gone south with the Cheneys' household goods.

OBITUARY.

Albert P. Blood.

Albert P. Blood, a prominent citizen of Ballston Spa, died there Tuesday, aged seventy-six years. For many years Mr. Blood was a frequent visitor in this city. He had a daughter in the State Hospital here for several years and came here several times a year to see her and after her death continued his visits. He was here for the last time a few months ago and his friends then noticed with sorrow many signs that his health was failing.

Ensign Powelson Ordered Off the Maine Wreck.

The Herald's Havana correspondent is authority for the statement that Ensign Powelson, who visited the Maine wreck, Tuesday, was ordered away by the commander of a Spanish gunboat, who took the ground that the United States flag having been hauled down the Ensign had no right there.

Mr. Powelson at first demurred, but afterward left the wreck and returned to the Fern.

Good Friday Service in Grace Church.

8:30 a. m.—Morning prayer, especially for school children.

10 a. m.—Auto-communion and sermon.

12 m to 3 p. m.—Three hours' service and meditation on the last words.

7:30—Evening prayer and sermon.

The Telephone Taken Out of Ensign's House.

The Orange County Telephone company's battery, wiring, etc., were removed from Eagle Hose company's house, Wednesday, and placed in Excelsior's rooms. The phone can now be used only from Excelsior's quarters.

Cake and Hot Cross Bun Sale.

The Heart to Heart Circle of Kings Daughters will hold a cake sale at F. M. Pronk's drug store, Franklin Square, on Saturday, April 9th, from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. Salted peanuts and hot cross buns will also be on sale.

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Base Ball Notes.

—Peter Agnew is playing great ball at Manhattan College. Wednesday, in a game between Manhattan and Yale College, he made two runs, two hits, eight put outs, two assists and no errors. The Manhattan boys won by a score of 10 to 3.

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INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Death of Mrs. Cook—Reception at the Institute—Band Practice.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—Mrs. Amanda Cook died, Monday, in Hamptonburgh, of paralysis. She resided with her husband on the farm of Charles Julian Herzer, was sixty years. Her remains were taken, Tuesday, to Greene, N. Y., for interment.

—A reception will be held, to-night, at the Goshen Institute.

—The Goshen Band met for practice in the Grier building, last night. As a regular drummer has not yet been secured, Judge Sweeney, who used to be a drummer, took charge of that instrument.

THE SUPREME COURT.

Newburgh Cases Occupied the Time of the Court Wednesday.

In the Supreme Court at Newburgh, Wednesday, Joseph Edall was given a verdict for \$2,000 against the New England Railroad Co. for injuries to his arm sustained while coupling cars.

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Admitted to Probate.

Surrogate Betts, of Ulster county, has admitted to probate the will of Alonso G. Cornelius, a grocer of Ellenville, who died, March 3, 1897. The will was contested by the two sons of the deceased. The estate amounts to about \$4,000.

Soleil in Newburgh.

Joseph Maier, a Newburgh upholsterer, who shot himself in the head, Monday, died from the wound, Wednesday. His health is supposed to have unbalanced his mind and led to the taking of his life.

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Dreaded comes to Pass.
"Bush, now, your shoes squeak! Take them off."

"Do you think he is asleep?"

"Yes, but don't breathe. Now wait."

"How infernally dark the house is! I can't light up a little?"

"Sh-h! Certainly not. He would hear the match. Come!"

"Hang the stairs! How they creak!"

"Step softly. Don't stumble!"

"Where are you?"

"Keep quiet. Don't breathe, and—"

"I can't help it. I can't hold it to—" "Sh-h-h!"

"Hang that infernal clock!"

"Now you're gone, and done it! The baby is awake!" Cleveland Plain Dealer.

—Town Topics.

Best Name of All.

Mother (reading) — Every name means something: Charley means brave; Philip means fond; what does Jack mean?

Daughter (who is also reading) — Oh, Jack? Why, he means business! He told me so last night. —Tit-Bits.

Hopeless Case.

"Doctor," said Mr. Spuds, "my insomnia is much worse now than it ever was before."

"Indeed?" replied Dr. Paresis.

"Yes, sir; it is. Why, I can't even sleep when it is time to get up." —N. Y. World.

Outward and Visible Signs.

"I am told that Agnes Shaddock has become extremely fashionable since her father made that lucky deal in stocks."

"All I know about it is that she pronounces her name Agonies now." —Chicago Tribune.

Justly Indignant.

The Member from Wayback—They say Billyuns, the new senator, bought votes right and left. Did he try to bribe you?

The Member from Jayville—No, the gol durn skunk never came near me!—Chicago Daily News.

The Way They Regard It.

Grace—What, do you mean to say that Charlie is earning his own living now?

May—So he says.

Grace—Goodness, we must invite him to dinner at once—the poor boy must be starving.—Harlem Life.

A United Couple.

"Mr. and Mrs. Dadsley, next door, are so congenial."

"Ah!"

"Yes; he lets her have her own way about everything." —Chicago Record.

Perseverance.

No lagging 'by the Fates allowed, The head that plans gets hardest raps, And he with ginger rich endowed Picks up the best of Fortune's snaps.—Puck.

A LEADING QUESTION.



Author—I love you with my whole heart and can never love any other. Will you be mine?

Lady Typewriter—Are you still dictating?—Bookkeeper.

Sometimes Quite Biased. Europe's politics unto A chessboard we compare, And yet it differs much in that it's seldom on the square.—Puck.

Answered.

"What," cried the orator, fiercely; "what, I ask, causes poverty?" And from the back of the hall a hoarse voice answered: "Lack of cash." —Harlem Life.

A Maiden's Kindness.

He—So you're going to throw me down after all?

She—Yes. Father said he would if I didn't, and he so terribly literal, you know.—Brooklyn Life.

Two Views.

She—I don't like preachers who read their sermons from manuscript.

He—I do. If a man writes out his sermons he is much more likely to realize their length.—Tit-Bits.

An Opinion.

Abner—What did you think of that free lecture the other night?

Hiram—I thought it was worth just about the cost of admission.—Puck.

He Was Interested.

Wife—I dreamed last night that you gave me a lot of money.

Hubby—Have you any change left? —Up to Date.

Pardonable.

No—Excuse me, madam, why did you look so angry at me just now?

She—I beg your pardon, sir! I thought you were my husband!—Judy.

Key West Fire. Losses Like the News.

KEY WEST, April 7.—Intense disappointment was exhibited by all hands on board the flagship New York when news of the reported settlement at Madrid was received. Until 6 o'clock last night it was confidently believed the fleet would sail to day or Friday for Havana or Puerto Rico, and the pacific news came like a bombshell. Captain Sampson read the dispatch with eager interest, after which it was read at the messes. He believes there is still a chance for the navy to show what it is made of, but regrets the delay, which will probably enable Spain to bring her torpedo flotilla and other cruisers to these waters. All the high naval authorities on board maintain that Spain should not be allowed to bring her forces over pending a settlement.

Junta Does Not Object to Intervention.

NEW YORK, April 7.—Last evening Mr. Horatio S. Rubens, counsel to the Cuban junta, published this written statement over his signature: "The statement appearing over my name in the papers was based on the indications appearing that the object of the United States in refusing to recognize the independence of Cuba was to annex the island to the United States. It was in view of this fact that I expressed the determination of the Cuban army to resist. We would of course welcome the American army to aid us in achieving our independence."

Armistice Rumored in Madrid.

MADRID, April 7.—The hope of reaching a peaceful settlement with the United States is growing stronger. It is reported that the basis of an armistice in Cuba has been arranged. If this be true, a royal decree will appear in The Gazette announcing the conclusion of an armistice. The Vizcaya and the Almirante Oquendo will await orders at Puerto Rico.

The official statement that affairs have taken a pacific turn has not yet become generally known, and public feeling remains much excited.

Representative Jones' Hot Resolution.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Representative Jones of Washington has introduced a joint resolution to protect the Americans in Cuba which directs the president immediately to order all vessels of war of the United States in the vicinity of Cuba to proceed to Havana without delay to protect all American citizens there and to bring away in safety all who desire to leave the island.

Spanish Consul Leaves San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 7.—Felipe de Castro, Spain's consul in this city, took his departure Sunday and is now on his way to Washington. Consul de Castro sent out farewell cards to local consuls, but otherwise kept his departure secret. He informed friends here that he might return in the near future, but that was a mere contingency, depending upon international developments.

O'Brien Would Be a Privateer.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—Captain John O'Brien, who has conducted many filibustering expeditions to Cuba and has had many narrow escapes in the course of his voyages, was at the navy department this morning. He made application for papers licensing him to command a privateer vessel to prey on Spanish commerce.

More Shells of War.

LONDON, April 7.—The British steamer Marengo, Captain Bingham, of the Wilson line, which sailed from Newcastle on March 29 for New York, had on board 14 of the most modern guns, 76 tons of gun carriages, 92 tons of empty shells and 11 tons of empty cartridges, all from the Elswick works.

Another Steamer For American Refugees.

NEW YORK, April 7.—It was reported here from Boston last night that besides the Beverly the British steamer Brookline, Captain Watkins, in the Jamaica fruit trade, had also sailed from Port Antonio, Jamaica, for Santiago de Cuba to convey Americans to Jamaica.

Spaniards In Chile Equip a Privateer.

NEW YORK, April 7.—Cable dispatches this morning state that Spaniards in Chile have subscribed \$1,000,000 for the purchase and equipment of a steamship as a privateer to operate along the Pacific coast line of the United States.

Pope Will Make No More Advances.

LONDON, April 7.—The Rome correspondent of The Daily Mail says: "The pope's mediation will probably not go further, as President McKinley has declared that an armistice with the Cubans would not go to the root of the matter."

Two Hundred Reconcentrados Murdered.

HAVANA, April 7, via Key West.—Over 200 reconcentrados who left Havana to renew their labors in the country, availing themselves of the decree of General Blanco, have been massacred by the Spanish troops near Guines.

Mascotte Arrives at Key West.

KEY WEST, April 7.—The Mascotte arrived last night with 96 passengers aboard. After taking on coal she returned to Havana. Every stateroom was engaged. Rumors that General Lee was on board were unfounded.

To Man the Montauk.

LEWISTON, Me., April 7.—Two companies of 12 picked men each have been made up here from Dana battery and Auburn light infantry, First regiment, M. V. M., for duty in manning the monitor Montauk at Portland.

Katahdin Goes to Sea.

PHILADELPHIA, April 7.—Orders have been received at the navy yard directing the ram Katahdin to proceed to sea. The ship's destination is not known.

Bombardment Insurance Question.

BOSTON, April 7.—The opinion of the attorney general as to the legality of writing bombardment insurance has been asked by the insurance commissioners.

King Otto Is Not Dying.

MUNICH, April 7.—An official bulletin issued yesterday with reference to the condition of the demented King Otto of Bavaria, who was reported to be dying, says: "The condition of the king is not serious, but he is suffering from a slight hemorrhage of the bladder."



Two questions

with common-sense answers. "How long should a man's legs be," somebody asked Abraham Lincoln, and he said, "Long enough to reach from his body to the ground."

"How can you take housework so easy," somebody asked a bright little woman. "By not working so hard," she said. "By doing all my washing and cleaning with Pearline."

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